

Chiropractic Office in Long Beach, CA bombed!

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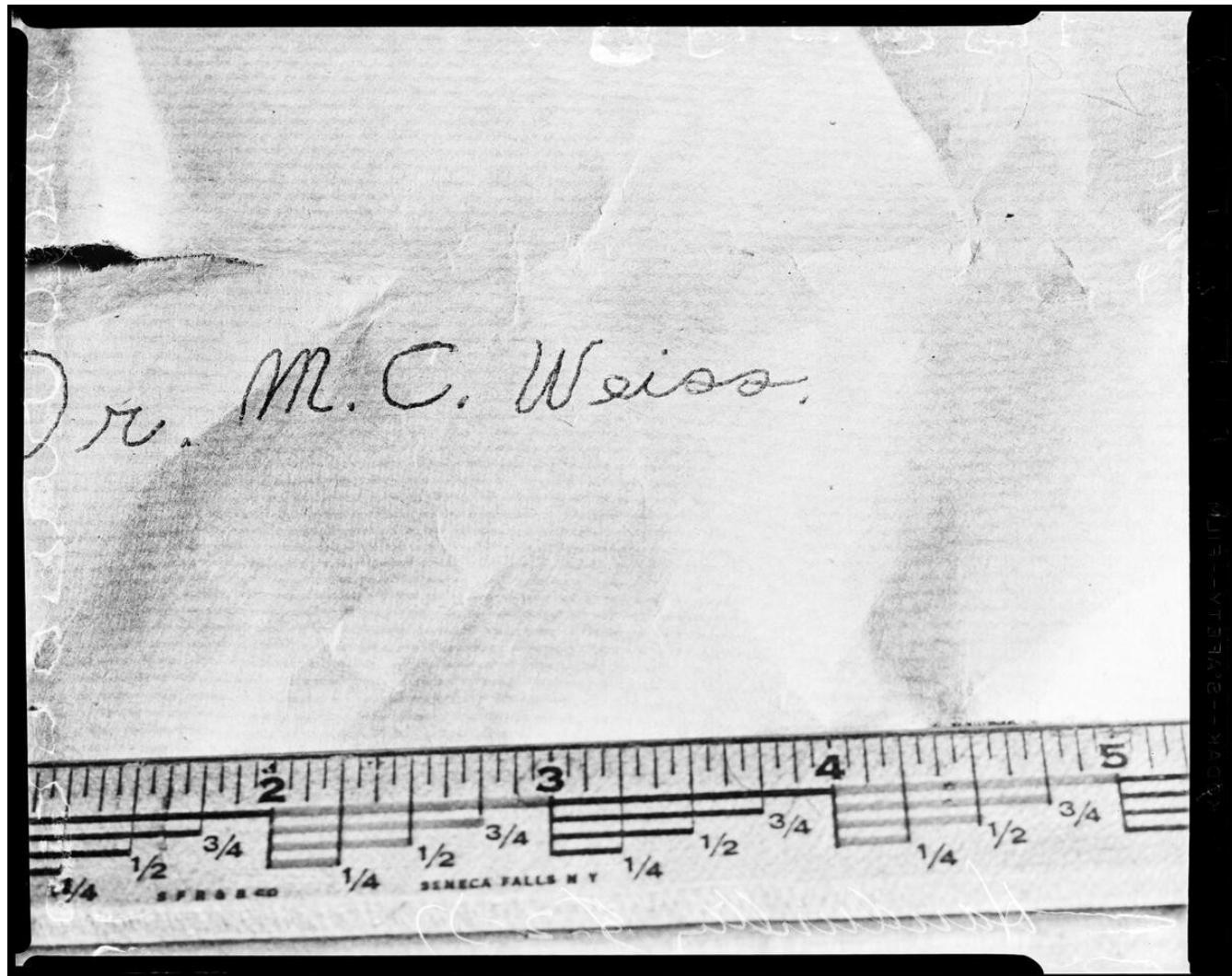
Here's a bit of an odd story. While perusing the photographic archives of the Doheny Memorial Library at the University of Southern California I stumbled across a series of photographs that were taken at the site of a chiropractic office in Long Beach, California that had been bombed on the 2nd of May in 1957. The only information I have been able to uncover is that attached to the photographs. I checked several online sources for information as well as looking in city directories and census returns and through the available records of the California Board of Chiropractic Examiners and turned up nothing – not a single mention of a Dr. Maurice C. Weiss with his wife Shirley appeared anywhere in the United States – other than the story of the bombing of his office which was located at 246 East Broadway in downtown Long Beach. There are 11 images that appear to be numbered somewhat randomly. The collection has the following description:

11 images. Long Beach store bombing, 2 May 1957. Dr. Maurice C. Weiss - 61 years (injured); Mrs. Shirley Weiss - 47 years (injured); Officer James Thiele; Officer Harry Finch; Officer Ralph Simonds.; Caption slip reads: "Photographer: Emery. Date: 1957-05-02. Reporter: Emery-Phister-RW. Assignment: Long Beach store bombing.

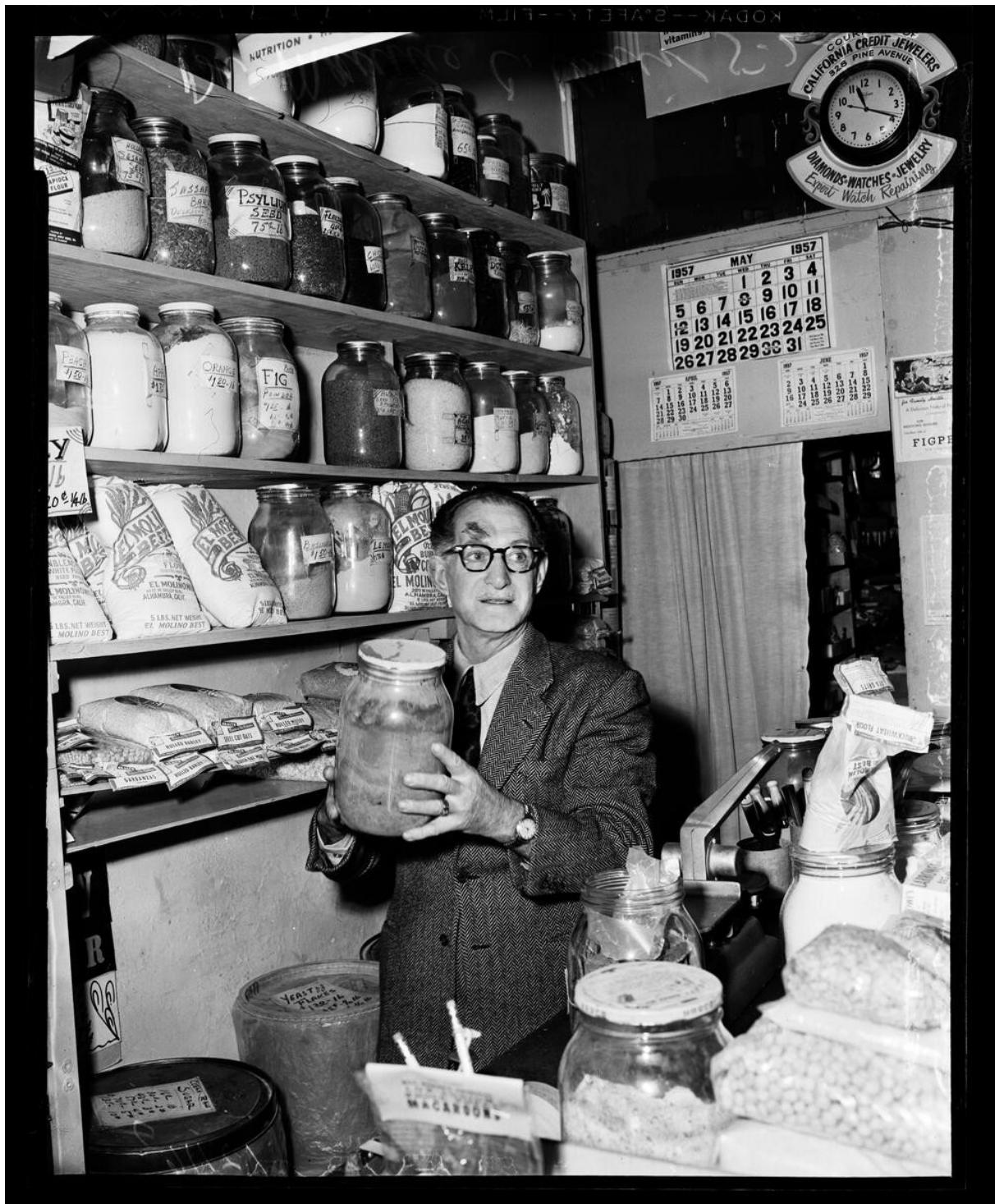
The eleven photographs with their associated captions are on the following pages.

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02: Close-up of handwriting on package which exploded: Dr. Weiss' name written in ink."



06: Dr. Maurice C. Weiss, 61, chiropractor, in his store at 246 E. Bdwy, LB.



08: His wife Shirley, 47, in bed at Seaside Hosp. telling story to (L to R) LBPD homicide dets. James Thiele and Harry Finch. LBPD



09: police technician Ralph Simonds with microscope examining detonating device, batteries, rubber band, wire & scraps of paper from bomb.



21: L to R -- Dr. Weiss & Det. Kinrade.



30: Mrs. Shirley Weiss, 47, wife of store owner, entering ambulance.



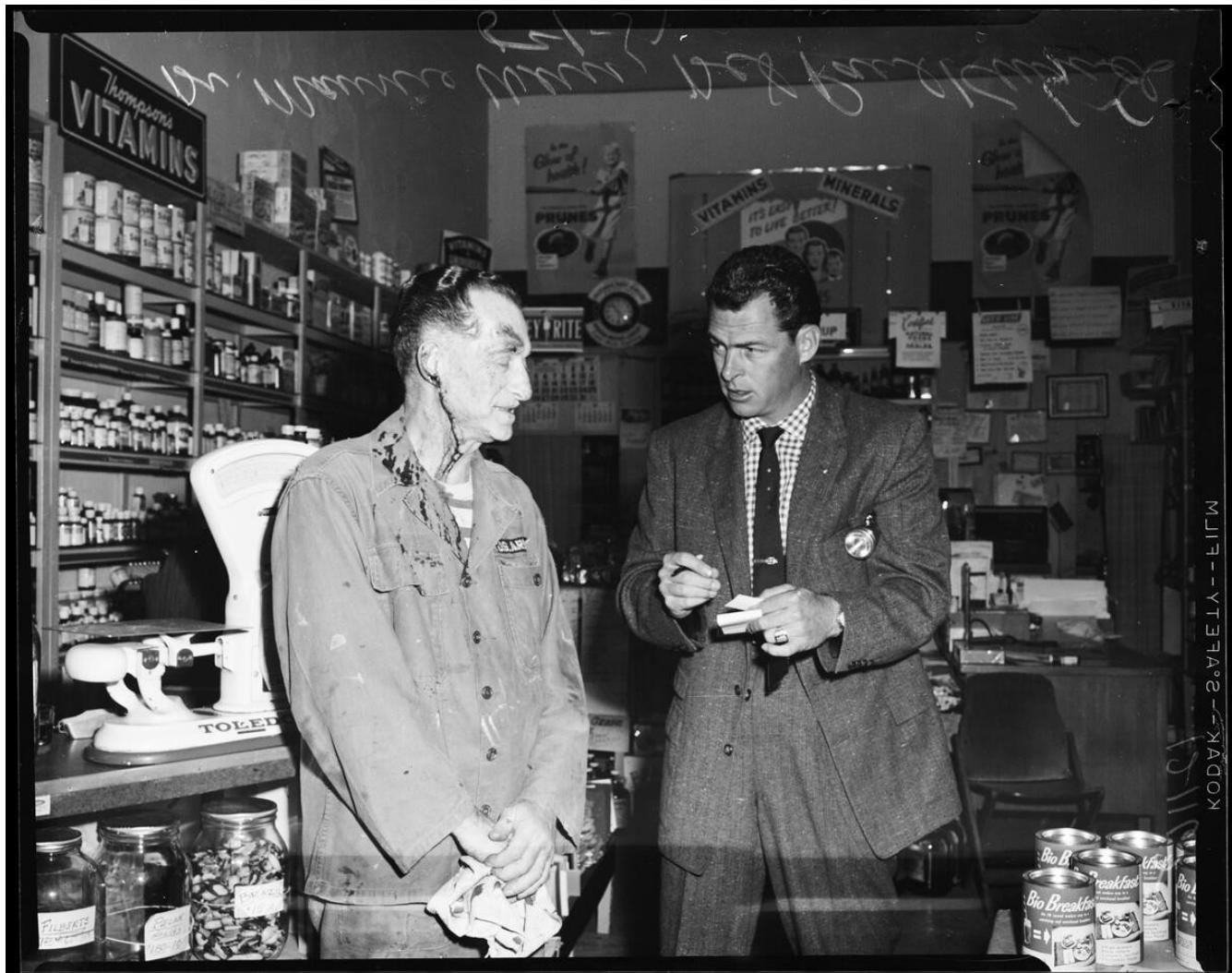
31: L to R -- Dr. Maurice Weiss, 61, injured; LBPD Detectives, Det. Lieut. Garrison Wilson and Det. Paul Kinrade.



52: Det. Lieut. Wilson examines flashlight batteries and wires, scraps, etc of bomb.



53: Dr. Weiss (left) tells story to Det. Paul Kinrade."



94: Bomb fragments on floor.



95: Mrs. Weiss, left hand shattered & wrapped in compress bandage, sitting in ambulance.



If I had not accidentally happened on this collection, I doubt the story of Dr. Eweiss and the bombing of his office would have resurfaced again. Perhaps there is more information available in other sources that could possibly shed some light on this intriguing incident.

The Doheny Memorial Library is online at:

<https://libraries.usc.edu/locations/doheny-memorial-library>